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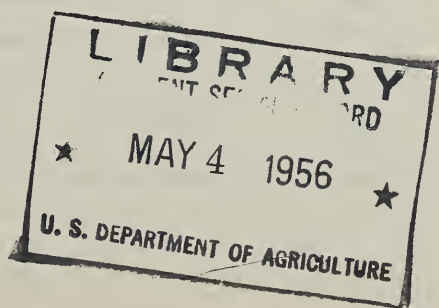
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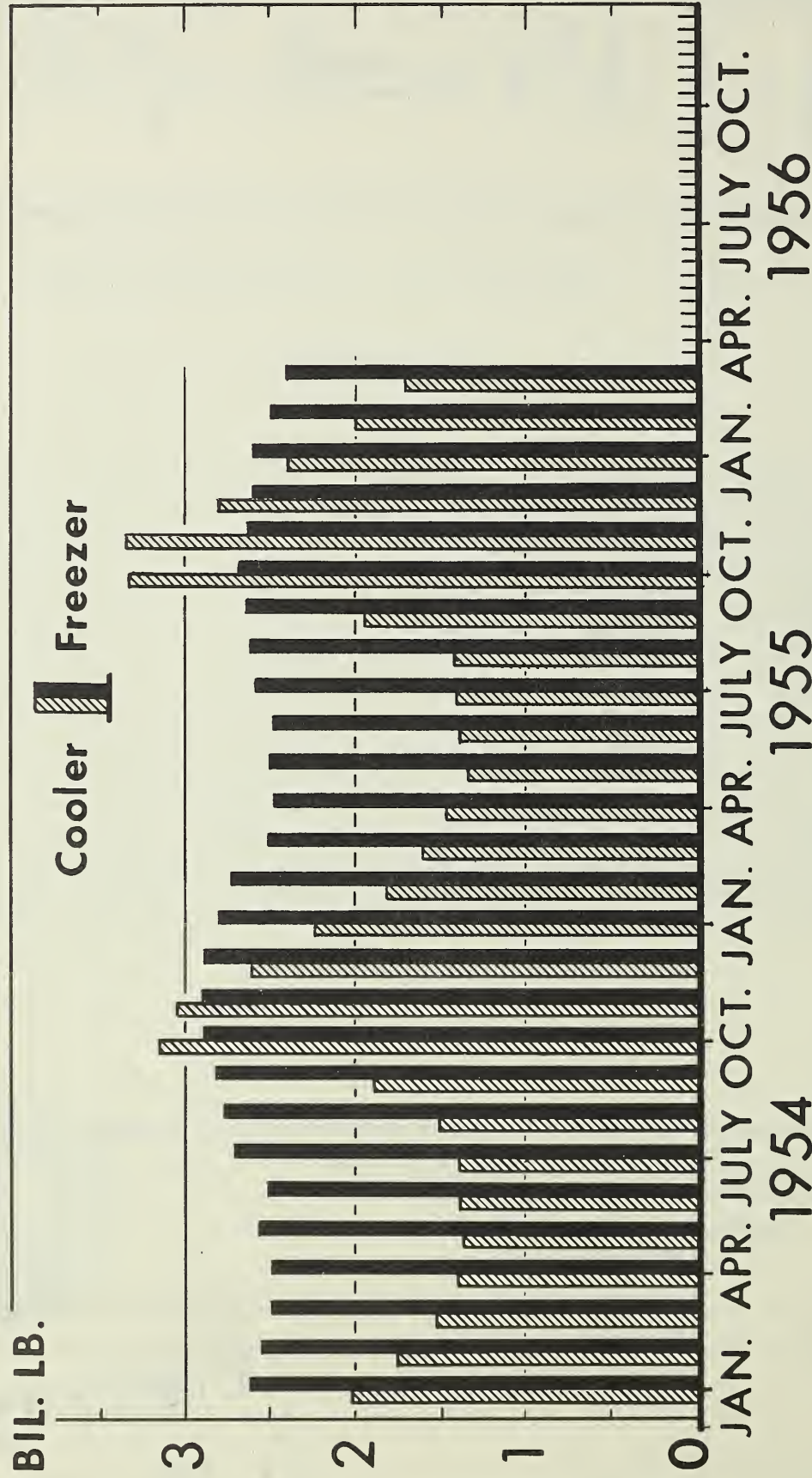
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NET WEIGHT OF COOLER AND FREEZER COMMODITIES



END OF MONTH

COLD STORAGE REPORT

Analysis of holdings and space March 31, 1956

[Data for this report are collected from public, private, and semiprivate warehouses, apple houses, and meat-packing plants where food products are generally stored for 30 days or more. Commodities in space owned or leased and operated by the armed services are not reported. All March 31 figures are preliminary.]

Commodity summary

Refrigerated stocks of frozen poultry totaled 155 million pounds on March 31, according to warehouse reports received by the Agricultural Marketing Service. This is the lowest for the date since 1949. Holdings of butter declined about 10 million pounds during March in contrast to the 5-year average increase of 10 million pounds. The March decline left about 88 million pounds in storage at the end of the month compared to 311 million pounds this time last year and average March 31 stocks of 166 million pounds. American cheese stocks were down to 430 million pounds which is about 7 percent below those of a year ago. Frozen fruit stocks as of March 31 totaled 295 million pounds--down 47 million from the month before. However, these stocks were larger than the 268 million reported this time last year and the 5-year average holdings of 238 million pounds. Frozen vegetable stocks, following the seasonal pattern, declined during March to 448 million pounds. This decline was greater than average by 4 million pounds and about equal to the change of a year earlier when holdings totaled 457 million pounds. A net withdrawal of 3 million gallons of orange concentrates reduced warehouse stocks to 27 million gallons by March 31. Holdings were 1 percent more than in 1955 and 38 percent greater than average. Stocks of shell eggs at 312,000 cases were below average by 51 percent. On March 31 last year 479,000 cases were in storage. Frozen egg stocks increased 17 million pounds during the month and totaled 59 million pounds on March 31 compared to 84 million a year earlier.

Storage occupancy

Public cooler occupancy was 55 percent on March 31--down 3 points from a month earlier. This decline compares with a 2-point reduction reported a year earlier when cooler occupancy was 58 percent which is also the 5-year average for March 31. A reduction of 2-points brought freezer occupancy down to 64 percent by the end of March. This time last year freezer occupancy was 68 percent while the 1950-55 average is 73 percent.

General commodity movement

Net weight of cooler-stored products declined 18 percent during March to about 1.7 billion pounds. Increases in holdings of dried and evaporated fruits, nuts and nutmeats, eggs, sausage, and canned meats were more than offset by declines in stocks of fresh fruits and vegetables, cheese, other dairy products, beef, pork and miscellaneous cooler items. Warehouse stocks of freezer items declined about 5 percent from the month before. March 31 holdings totaled about 2.4 billion pounds as declines in stocks of creamery butter, poultry, fruits, juices, vegetables, beef, and some meat products exceeded increases for cream, eggs, veal, and pork.

Juices, fruits, and vegetables

Contrary to the normal March increase, orange concentrate stocks were down 3 million gallons to 27 million gallons by March 31. A like quantity was in storage a year earlier. March net disappearance reduced frozen fruit stocks by 47 million pounds leaving 295 million at the end of the month. This reduction was about 15 percent greater than the March 1955 decrease and 20 percent greater than average. March 31 stocks of frozen fruits were about 24 percent above average for this date and 10 percent greater than the holdings reported last year. Holdings of frozen vegetables were reduced during March by 47 million pounds, about equal

to the reduction of a year earlier but slightly above average. Stocks at 448 million pounds, were 2 percent under March 31, 1955, but 10 percent larger than average for this date. Stocks of all frozen vegetable items, except broccoli, cauliflower, French fried potatoes and spinach, were reduced during March.

Dairy and poultry products

Contrary to the 5-year average increase, stocks of creamery butter fell off 10 million pounds during March to total 88 million by the end of the month. A year earlier, butter in storage amounted to 311 million pounds. Warehouse stocks of American cheese also decreased during March which was opposite to the average change for this time of year. The March reduction of 8 million pounds left 430 million pounds in storage compared with 463 million a year earlier and an average of 271 million pounds in storage on March 31. For the second consecutive month, the net increase in shell egg stocks fell far short of the average change. The March gain of 6,000 cases raised March 31 warehouse holdings to 312,000 cases. The average increase in March is about 300,000 cases. Only once in the past 36 years have shell egg stocks been as low on March 31 and that was in 1951 when 309,000 cases were in storage. Stocks of frozen eggs were increased during March but not as heavily as the year before. A net gain of 17 million pounds brought warehouse holdings up to 59 million pounds. This time last year, holdings were 84 million pounds as a result of a 21 million pound increase in March. The average March increase is 30 million pounds. March 31 holdings of frozen poultry at 155 million pounds were down 34 million from the previous month. This time last year stocks totaled 162 million pounds following a 49 million pound reduction during March. March 31 stocks of frozen turkeys in storage were the smallest in the past 5 years. The 64 million pounds in storage compared with the average for March 31 of 91 million pounds and 93 million reported a year ago this date.

Meat and meat products

Warehouse stocks of red meats at 873 million pounds were down 7 percent from average March 31 holdings but up 5 percent from the stocks of a year earlier. Commodity-wise, stocks of beef decreased during the month by 10 million pounds--the average is 16 million--to 186 million pounds by March 31. These holdings were about average but were 31 percent greater than those of a year earlier. Holdings of pork were down 6 million pounds to 512 million on March 31. Pork holdings were increased 12 million pounds during March last year and by 3 million during the 5-year average period. Present stocks of 512 million pounds compare with the average of 600 million pounds and 544 million on March 31, 1955.

Storage outlook

According to past performance, cooler occupancy may be expected to start on its upward cycle during April. By the end of the month, occupancy should be up slightly--1 to 2 points. Freezer occupancy, on the other hand, is expected to continue on its downward cycle. On the basis of the 5-year average change, a decline of 2 points is not unlikely.

Table 1. -- Net changes in storage holdings during March (1)

Cooler commodities	Holdings Mar. 31, 1956	March net change		Freezer commodities	Holdings Mar. 31, 1956	March net change	
		Quantity	Pct.			Quantity	Pct.
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	Pct.		1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	Pct.
Apples.....	386,256	-282,432	42	Cream.....	6,460	1,196	23
Pears.....	18,750	-17,400	48	Butter, creamery..	87,864	-10,043	10
Other fresh fruits	9,484	-16,123	63	Eggs.....	59,004	16,531	39
Fresh vegetables..	65,041	-9,640	13	Poultry.....	154,804	-33,547	18
Dried & evap. fts.	35,870	1,112	3	Fruits.....	295,270	-46,694	14
Nuts & nut meats..	206,463	15,824	8	Juices.....	390,414	-8,527	2
Cheese.....	456,657	-7,740	2	Vegetables.....	448,285	-47,261	10
Other dairy prod..	8,220	-2,089	20	Beef.....	177,659	-9,586	5
Shell eggs.....	14,040	270	2	Veal.....	16,738	262	2
Dried eggs.....	2,811	38	1	Pork.....	430,156	12,843	3
Beef.....	8,295	-778	9	Lamb and mutton..	10,042	-18	-
Pork.....	81,971	-18,707	19	Edible offal.....	62,143	-2,101	3
Sausage.....	9,081	426	5	Sausage.....	6,125	-813	12
Canned meats.....	70,859	7,512	12	Miscellaneous.....	210,814	-93	-
Miscellaneous.....	276,647	-29,749	10				
Total.....	1,650,445	-359,476	18	Total.....	2,355,778	-127,851	5

(1) For a detailed breakdown see the tables that follow.

Table 2. -- End-of-month apple holdings, by States

State	March 1951-55 av.	March 1955	February 1956 (1)	March 1956 (1)
	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.
Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut	294	339	769	394
New York.....	1,140	1,354	2,669	1,383
New Jersey.....	254	213	314	196
Pennsylvania.....	195	180	335	140
Ohio.....	112	81	117	85
Illinois.....	217	140	112	74
Michigan.....	234	248	(2) 374	(2) 179
Missouri.....	51	40	53	23
Kansas.....	12	11	27	12
Virginia.....	646	573	481	297
West Virginia.....	119	91	147	78
Washington.....	3,481	3,568	6,920	4,318
Oregon.....	171	92	169	86
California.....	659	669	975	582
Other States.....	244	194	469	200
U. S. Total.....	7,829	7,793	13,931	8,047

(1) Includes cannery stocks which heretofore were excluded.

(2) Based upon more complete returns than in earlier years.

TABLE 3. -- End-of-month stocks of fruits, vegetables, and nuts

Net changes in stocks during March and comparisons:

Fresh apples: Decreased by 6 million bushels; March 1955 decrease was 5 million bushels; average March decrease was 5 million bushels.

Fresh pears: Decreased by 321 thousand bushels; March 1955 decrease was 475 thousand bushels; average March decrease was 322 thousand bushels.

Commodity	Unit	March 1951-55 av.	March 1955	February 1956	March 1956
		<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>
Apples, fresh:					
Western (1)	Standard boxes	4,383	4,410	7,714	4,888
Western	Other containers	183	103	545	229
Eastern	Bushel baskets	1,277	1,128	1,387	785
Eastern	Other containers	1,986	2,152	4,285	2,145
Total	Bushel	7,829	7,793	13,931	8,047
Pears, fresh:					
Bartletts	Boxes, baskets, etc.	3	1	3	1
Bartletts	L.A. lugs	(2)	(2)	-	3
Other varieties	Boxes, baskets, etc.	242	384	600	327
Other varieties	L.A. lugs	(2)	(2)	120	44
Total	Boxes, baskets, etc.	(3) 246	(3) 386	723	375
Other fruits, vegetables, and nuts:					
Fresh grapes	Pound	(4)	3,709	19,908	3,221
Other fresh fruits	do.	9,352	3,204	5,699	6,263
Dried & evaporated fruits	do.	40,348	34,362	34,758	35,870
Onions	do.	34,745	39,204	36,522	17,190
Celery	do.	378	147	441	550
Other fresh vegetables .	do.	84,466	75,206	37,718	47,301
Nut meats, peanuts . . .	do.	39,161	41,581	89,492	98,006
Nut meats, other nuts . .	do.	28,047	23,770	31,916	39,543
Peanuts, in shell	do.	1,648	2,597	6,496	7,737
Other nuts, in shell . . .	do.	46,449	26,349	62,735	61,177

(1) Western apples are those grown in Washington, Oregon, California, Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico.

(2) Not reported separately prior to January 31, 1956.

(3) In terms of bushels.

(4) Data not available.

TABLE 4. — End-of-month stocks of frozen fruits and vegetables

Net changes in stocks during March and comparisons

Frozen fruits: Decreased by 47 million pounds; March 1955 decrease was 41 million pounds; average March decrease was 39 million pounds.

Frozen vegetables: Decreased by 47 million pounds; March 1955 decrease was 48 million pounds; average March decrease was 43 million pounds.

Frozen orange juice: Decreased by 3 million gallons; March 1955 change was an increase of 1 million gallons; average March increase was 1 million gallons.

Commodity	March 1951-55 av. 1,000 pounds	March 1955 1,000 pounds	February 1956 1,000 pounds	March 1956 1,000 pounds
Fruits, frozen:				
Apples	30,436	38,118	45,231	42,235
Apricots	2,879	1,934	7,802	7,218
Blackberries	7,626	7,935	8,540	7,183
Blueberries	13,175	20,103	16,706	14,595
Cherries	34,786	36,113	48,444	40,237
Grapes	11,587	9,214	10,824	10,682
Peaches	19,074	22,480	31,514	28,805
Plums and prunes	6,627	6,792	8,526	7,579
Raspberries	18,742	25,586	24,493	20,713
Strawberries	61,891	58,625	100,510	80,385
Youngberries, Loganberries, etc.	6,436	8,610	12,572	10,555
All other fruits	25,192	32,706	26,802	25,083
Total	238,451	268,216	341,964	295,270
Juices, frozen:				
Orange juice	193,120	264,511	292,648	267,444
Gallons equivalent (1)	19,507	26,718	29,560	27,015
Other fruit juices and purees	85,430	124,363	106,293	122,970
Vegetables, frozen:				
Asparagus	6,952	7,743	9,823	7,461
Beans, lima	59,249	74,236	75,251	64,819
Beans, snap	37,597	48,867	58,290	46,461
Broccoli	35,306	29,363	30,011	34,588
Brussels sprouts	16,893	23,430	17,513	15,062
Cauliflower	13,219	10,276	15,832	16,105
Corn, sweet	36,639	64,142	49,029	39,053
Mixed vegetables	(2)	(2)	15,578	14,012
Peas, green	76,844	63,000	77,551	59,135
Peas and carrots, mixed	(2)	(2)	6,778	6,403
Potatoes, french fried	(2)	(2)	26,700	31,677
Spinach	26,528	17,982	23,386	26,566
All other vegetables	97,237	117,956	89,804	86,943
Total	406,464	456,995	495,546	448,285

(1) Converted on the basis of 9.9 pounds per gallon.

(2) Data not available.

TABLE 5. -- End-of-month stocks of dairy and poultry products

Net changes in stocks during March and comparisons:

Cream: Increased by 1 million pounds; March 1955 increase was .2 million pounds; average March change was a decrease of 1 million pounds.

Butter: Decreased by 10 million pounds; March 1955 decrease was 3 million pounds; average March change was an increase of 10 million pounds.

Cheese: Decreased by 8 million pounds; March 1955 decrease was 6 million pounds; average March change was an increase of 3 million pounds.

Shell eggs: Increased by 6 thousand cases; March 1955 increase was 221 thousand cases; average March increase was 292 thousand cases.

Frozen eggs: Increased by 17 million pounds; March 1955 increase was 21 million pounds; average March increase was 30 million pounds.

Frozen poultry: Decreased by 34 million pounds; March 1955 decrease was 49 million pounds; average March decrease was 41 million pounds.

Commodity	Unit	March 1951-55 av.	March 1955	February 1956	March 1956
		Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Cream, milk, and butter:					
Fluid cream	Pound	4,989	3,902	5,054	5,849
Plastic cream (75-85% butterfat)	do.	550	420	210	611
Condensed milk (bulk)	do.	4,980	2,397	6,259	6,576
Evap. and Cond, milk (case goods)	do.	4,859	2,120	4,050	1,644
Butter, creamery.	do.	166,135	311,462	97,907	87,864
Cheese:					
American Cheddar.	do.	270,979	462,949	438,209	430,320
Swiss, including block	do.	9,521	9,773	7,505	7,311
All other varieties	do.	16,756	20,711	18,683	19,026
Total cheese.	do.	297,256	493,433	464,397	456,657
Eggs:					
Shell	Case	640	479	306	312
Frozen eggs, total.	Pound	77,481	83,672	42,473	59,004
Whites.	do.	22,502	24,779	9,453	14,888
Yolks	do.	18,378	22,527	14,866	20,321
Whole or mixed.	do.	32,218	32,273	15,263	20,402
Unclassified	do.	4,383	4,093	2,891	3,393
Dried eggs (egg solids)	do.	19,195	1,856	2,773	2,811
Total eggs (1).	Case	4,534	2,834	1,681	2,121
Poultry, frozen:					
Broilers or fryers	Pound	20,301	12,330	23,715	21,858
Roasters.	do.	9,150	4,566	6,891	5,869
Hens, fowls	do.	43,160	27,043	41,285	33,898
Turkeys	do.	91,222	92,538	82,962	64,036
Ducks	do.	2,677	3,272	4,789	3,099
Miscellaneous	do.	9,397	7,709	6,507	6,151
Unclassified	do.	20,076	15,014	22,202	19,893
Total poultry	do.	195,983	162,472	188,351	154,804

(1) Case equivalent. Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 38.5 pounds to the case and dried eggs on the basis of 10.2 pounds to the case.

TABLE 6. -- End-of-month stocks of dairy and poultry products, by States,
March 31, 1956

State	Cream		Creamery butter	American cheese	Shell eggs	Frozen eggs	Total poultry
	Fluid	Plastic					
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 cases	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Massachusetts	74		920	1,298	3	895	4,547
Other States			303	191		501	1,969
New England			1,223	1,489	3	1,396	6,516
New York	3,118	191	8,127	70,122	12	4,425	15,911
New Jersey	188		3,883	7,964	6	1,831	7,500
Pennsylvania	932	169	1,492	10,800	4	1,995	11,394
Middle Atlantic			13,502	88,886	22	8,251	34,805
Ohio	389		3,672	14,657	3	2,519	4,703
Indiana			505	1,691	5	970	1,052
Illinois	1		35,776	29,037	182	10,080	16,787
Michigan	91		436	8,835	1	696	3,106
Wisconsin	5		2,276	151,106	1	394	978
East North Central			42,665	205,326	192	14,659	26,626
Minnesota	19	130	15,530	13,693	7	1,733	4,658
Iowa	24		4,777	1,689	2	2,892	1,748
Missouri	51	98	486	42,223	27	10,966	6,545
Dakotas			59	58		180	68
Nebraska	41		1,598	1,820	6	1,946	9,684
Kansas			735	14,880	5	4,815	1,398
West North Central			23,185	74,363	47	22,532	24,101
South Atlantic			1,561	21,450	10	2,562	15,090
Kentucky			249	9,171	8	495	747
Tennessee			643	11,003	1	2,326	1,360
Ala. and Mississippi			292	2,797	1	167	1,018
East South Central			1,184	22,971	10	2,988	3,125
Arkansas and Louisiana			879	1,495	2	365	2,102
Oklahoma			642	526	1	315	1,376
Texas	17	11	515	2,556	10	2,687	5,466
West South Central			2,036	4,577	13	3,367	8,944
Colorado			769	498	5	230	1,179
Other States			194	794	2	89	3,046
Mountain			963	1,292	7	319	4,225
Washington			137	349		606	2,979
Oregon			60	4,392		123	2,478
California	338	2	1,348	5,225	8	2,201	25,915
Pacific			1,545	9,966	8	2,930	31,372
Other States	561	10					
United States	5,849	611	87,864	430,320	312	59,004	154,804

TABLE 7. — End-of-month stocks of meats and meat products

Net changes in stocks during March and comparisons

Beef: Decreased by 10 million pounds; March 1955 decrease was 13 million pounds; average March decrease was 16 million pounds.

Pork: Decreased by 6 million pounds; March 1955 change was an increase of 12 million pounds; average March increase was 3 million pounds.

Other meats: Increased by 5 million pounds; March 1955 change was a decrease of 4 million pounds; average March change was an increase of .4 million pounds.

Commodity	March 1951-55 av. 1,000 pounds	March 1955 1,000 pounds	February 1956 1,000 pounds	March 1956 1,000 pounds
Beef:				
Frozen	176,767	133,364	186,109	176,004
In cure, cured and smoked	10,589	8,479	10,209	9,950
Total	187,356	141,843	196,318	185,954
Pork:				
Frozen.	407,671	400,013	384,262	397,912
Dry salt, in cure and cured	46,083	38,643	29,593	29,263
Other in cure, cured, and smoked	146,562	105,047	104,136	84,952
Total	600,316	543,703	517,991	512,127
Other meats and meat products:				
Sausage and sausage room products	16,439	13,888	15,593	15,206
Frozen lamb and mutton.	12,220	9,089	10,060	10,042
Frozen veal	13,479	12,713	16,476	16,738
Canned meats and meat products.	52,381	58,890	63,347	70,859
All edible offal.	58,254	54,444	64,244	62,143
Total	152,773	149,024	169,720	174,988
Total all meats	940,445	834,570	884,029	873,069
Hides and pelts	63,548	89,300	72,092	63,606

Table 8. — End-of-month stocks of fishery products (1)

Species	March 1955	February 1956	March 1956
	<u>1,000 lb.</u>	<u>1,000 lb.</u>	<u>1,000 lb.</u>
Frozen fish:			
Bait & animal food (salt & fresh-water.....)	6,647	6,054	6,462
Salt-water:			
Filletts and steaks:			
Blocks and slabs.....	12,123	10,108	9,067
Cod.....	8,264	6,171	6,996
Flounder.....	1,779	5,164	3,876
Haddock.....	9,773	7,197	8,686
Halibut.....	1,712	1,878	1,598
Ocean perch.....	7,563	9,537	8,544
Pollock.....	454	1,495	1,071
Salmon.....	240	335	304
Whiting (incl. split "butterfly").....	615	1,017	802
Other filletts and steaks.....	3,326	3,084	2,979
Fish sticks or pieces (cooked & uncooked, all species).....	4,943	5,663	6,015
Round, dressed, etc.:			
Halibut.....	6,612	5,746	3,497
Mackerel (except Spanish).....	995	1,555	1,236
Sablefish.....	1,820	2,380	1,981
Salmon:			
King or chinook.....	2,546	2,041	1,403
Silver or coho.....	1,580	1,560	1,105
Fall or chum.....	333	286	221
Unclassified.....	947	596	561
Smelt.....	1,689	872	857
Swordfish.....	1,920	1,131	1,339
Tuna.....	802	622	422
Whiting, headed and gutted.....	2,297	7,666	6,015
Other salt-water fish (except bait)....	15,320	14,511	13,242
Fresh-water:			
Filletts and steaks.....	665	563	362
Round, dressed, etc.:			
Chubs.....	511	899	708
Trout.....	978	977	971
Whitefish.....	1,842	1,599	1,519
Other fresh-water fish (except bait)....	2,643	3,416	2,851
Frozen shellfish:			
Crabs (incl. crab meat).....	670	1,371	1,442
Lobster tails (spiny).....	2,501	3,538	3,955
Cysters.....	599	507	489
Scallops.....	818	2,183	1,665
Shrimp, raw and headless.....	14,786	19,572	16,506
all other.....	4,346	6,935	7,040
Squid.....	452	493	277
Other shellfish.....	2,366	2,156	2,144
Total frozen fish and shellfish.....	127,477	140,878	128,208
Cured fish.....	12,147	16,003	15,230
Total all fish and shellfish.....	139,624	156,881	143,438

(1) Data furnished by the Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service.

TABLE 9. -- Cold storage holdings, by geographic regions. March 31, 1956

Commodity	Unit	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total
		Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Fruits, frozen:	Pound	2,170	16,132	8,543	2,184	9,625	269	1,072	252	1,988	42,235
Apples	do.	131	432	819	228	96	7	213	124	5,168	7,218
Apricots	do.	23	963	1,027	1,201	389	741	227	42	2,570	7,183
Blackberries	do.	2,324	3,705	4,481	2,009	695	94	83	87	1,117	14,595
Blueberries	do.	284	18,087	12,888	2,900	971	287	751	995	3,074	40,237
Cherries	do.	6	5,525	4,714	207	50	32	17	36	95	10,682
Grapes	do.	640	6,319	4,721	1,832	5,757	560	887	368	7,721	28,805
Peaches	do.	55	2,663	2,662	146	62	274	204	35	1,478	7,579
Plums and prunes	do.	1,090	5,150	3,624	2,200	389	239	148	321	7,552	20,713
Raspberries	do.	4,803	15,075	11,165	8,984	4,363	2,423	2,890	1,169	29,513	80,385
Strawberries	do.	20	600	841	259	46	19	54	121	8,595	10,555
Youngberries, Loganberries, etc.	do.	4,476	4,804	3,906	1,919	1,193	550	1,165	286	6,784	25,083
All other fruits	do.										
Total	do.	16,022	79,455	59,391	24,069	23,636	5,495	7,711	3,836	75,655	295,270
Juices, frozen:	do.	5,484	19,963	13,063	7,383	195,360	1,194	3,763	2,127	19,107	267,444
Orange juice (1)	do.	2,813	27,094	12,878	9,017	44,336	1,165	6,359	730	18,578	122,970
Other fruit juices and purees	do.										
Vegetables, frozen:	do.	382	2,169	826	475	1,226	239	396	133	1,615	7,461
Asparagus	do.	835	14,241	6,027	6,241	11,279	2,613	1,309	1,738	20,536	64,819
Beans, lima	do.	1,452	15,967	3,110	2,034	5,963	1,025	952	190	15,768	46,461
Beans, snap	do.	785	6,163	2,165	2,745	2,363	768	1,240	370	17,989	34,588
Broccoli	do.	302	3,119	1,198	1,566	900	679	450	299	6,549	15,062
Brussels sprouts	do.	502	3,852	1,166	1,559	1,815	499	865	236	5,611	16,105
Cauliflower	do.	681	9,740	4,433	8,150	2,062	775	1,364	490	11,358	39,053
Corn, sweet	do.	210	2,099	2,174	1,924	1,001	221	212	188	5,983	14,012
Mixed vegetables	do.	3,679	15,359	6,111	6,120	3,672	1,052	1,602	1,546	19,994	59,135
Peas, green	do.	193	1,310	431	694	465	137	182	187	2,804	6,403
Peas and carrots, mixed	do.	6,949	4,552	2,287	3,986	1,572	594	232	5,004	6,501	31,677
Potatoes, french fried	do.	630	9,365	2,216	1,492	2,650	985	1,576	234	7,418	26,566
Spinach	do.	2,719	17,128	11,389	8,404	15,684	6,041	3,630	1,455	20,493	86,943
All other vegetables	do.										
Total	do.	19,219	105,064	43,533	45,390	50,652	15,628	14,010	12,070	142,619	448,285
Fruits, vegetables and nuts:	do.										
Fresh grapes	do.	20	1,746	872	2	542	545	1	-	2,298	3,221
Other fresh fruits	do.	610	21,676	6,006	833	801	116	48	186	2,602	6,263
Dried and evaporated fruits	do.	-	9,327	4,672	17	13	-	84	10	5,176	35,870
Onions	do.	-	294	212	20	5	-	19	-	3,077	17,190
Celery	do.	3,118	9,494	7,809	3,630	477	1,688	1,384	6,399	13,302	47,301
Other fresh vegetables	do.	2,071	1,293	7,006	1,004	58,426	4,916	22,867	-	423	98,006
Peanut meats	do.	1,136	9,078	4,231	3,256	1,626	791	4,246	81	15,098	39,543
Other nut meats	do.	55	132	1,745	110	5,364	65	132	-	134	7,737
Peanuts, in shell	do.	79	1,641	4,007	5,897	10,638	705	18,150	36	20,024	61,177
Other nuts, in shell	do.	470	1,719	365	44	394	8	57	4	4,986	8,047
Fresh apples	Bushel	-	-	-	1	2	-	2	-	354	375
Fresh pears	Boxes(2)	-	13	3	1	2	-	2	-	-	-

(1) Concentrated and single strength.

(2) Standard boxes, bushel baskets, lugs, etc.

Continued

TABLE 9. -- Cold storage holdings, by geographic regions, March 31, 1956 -- Continued

Commodity	Unit	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total
		Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Dairy products and eggs:											
Cream (not including plastic)	Pound	85	4,238	486	135	225	181	66	43	390	5,849
Cream, plastic	do.	10	360	-	228	-	-	11	-	2	611
Butter, creamery	do.	1,223	13,502	42,665	23,185	1,561	1,184	2,036	963	1,545	87,864
Cheese, American Cheddar	do.	1,489	88,886	205,326	74,363	21,450	22,971	4,577	1,292	9,966	430,320
Cheese, Swiss including block	do.	-	615	3,753	2,183	4	-	31	604	121	7,311
Cheese, all other varieties	do.	607	7,074	8,866	928	612	199	179	233	328	19,026
Eggs, shell	Case	3	22	192	47	10	10	13	7	8	312
Eggs, frozen	Pound	1,396	8,251	14,659	22,532	2,562	2,988	3,367	319	2,930	59,004
Eggs, dried (egg solids)	do.	49	135	238	2,285	33	-	11	1	59	2,811
Poultry, frozen:											
Broilers or fryers	do.	1,179	3,703	2,655	2,804	3,668	823	3,200	360	3,466	21,858
Roasters	do.	819	2,622	934	715	217	6	26	31	499	5,869
Hens, fowls	do.	1,390	11,631	4,956	8,891	943	169	951	39	4,928	33,898
Turkeys	do.	2,582	12,247	9,558	8,939	4,372	892	3,990	2,913	18,543	64,036
Ducks	do.	122	1,219	908	256	200	43	89	25	237	3,099
Miscellaneous	do.	338	1,407	1,760	1,343	125	99	83	47	949	6,151
Unclassified	do.	86	1,976	5,855	1,153	5,565	1,093	605	810	2,750	19,893
Total	do.	6,516	34,805	26,626	24,101	15,090	3,125	8,944	4,225	31,372	154,804
Meats, meat products and fish:											
Beef, frozen	do.	12,719	23,219	54,644	32,652	5,703	6,907	13,853	3,604	22,703	176,004
Veal, frozen	do.	1,030	4,080	4,561	2,145	796	458	2,312	294	1,062	16,738
Pork, frozen	do.	9,930	26,841	131,928	157,443	18,321	13,971	16,279	4,874	18,325	397,912
Lamb and mutton, frozen	do.	641	2,125	2,504	1,850	199	13	1,241	433	1,036	10,042
Beef, in cure, cured and smoked	do.	208	2,999	3,175	2,555	460	32	143	34	344	9,950
Dry salt pork, in cure & cured	do.	80	488	7,880	14,204	3,132	559	1,597	1,063	260	29,263
All other pork, in cure, cured and smoked	do.	110	9,160	15,038	43,528	5,041	1,592	4,041	1,371	5,071	84,952
All edible offal	do.	1,256	5,457	20,175	25,152	1,873	1,727	1,755	2,169	2,579	62,143
Sausage room products	do.	163	3,047	3,755	4,588	1,053	518	345	152	1,585	15,206
Canned meats and meat products	do.	8,847	12,890	15,264	26,845	1,283	1,100	754	207	3,669	70,859
Total	do.	34,984	90,306	258,924	310,962	37,861	26,877	42,320	14,201	56,634	873,069
Hides and pelts	do.	4,592	1,754	19,089	30,609	2,021	388	2,222	1,138	1,493	63,606
Fish, frozen	do.	33,582	27,255	15,098	7,973	8,953	8,691	2,173	1,231	(1)23,252	128,208

(1) Includes fish in Alaska.

Table 10. -- Commodities stored in public general cold storage warehouses,
February 29, 1956

Cooler commodities	Net Weight	Freezer commodities	Net Weight
	<u>1,000 pounds</u>		<u>1,000 pounds</u>
Apples.....	75,168	Cream.....	4,079
Pears.....	10,600	Butter, creamery.....	77,506
Other fresh fruits.....	8,843	Eggs.....	37,520
Fresh vegetables.....	56,571	Poultry.....	166,725
Dried & evap. fruits.....	33,193	Fruits.....	261,530
Nuts & nut meats.....	153,856	Juices.....	180,577
Cheese.....	324,692	Vegetables.....	368,298
Other dairy products.....	8,528	Beef.....	142,612
Shell eggs.....	12,780	Veal.....	10,201
Dried eggs.....	2,288	Pork.....	276,387
Beef.....	1,894	Lamb and mutton.....	5,753
Pork.....	2,501	Edible offal.....	27,877
Sausage.....	886	Sausage.....	4,297
Canned meats.....	38,761	Fish.....	117,963
Lard.....	31,479	Miscellaneous.....	60,950
Fish.....	14,149		
Miscellaneous.....	117,771		
Total.....	893,960	Total.....	1,742,275

Table 11. -- End-of-month stocks of certain commodities in storage owned by the
Government (1)

Commodity	Unit	March 1951-55 av.	March 1955	February 1956	March 1956 (2)
		<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>
Butter, creamery.....	lb.	141,107	280,442	74,247	61,654
American Cheddar cheese.....	do.	133,858	318,560	248,357	226,203
Pork.....	do.	(3)	9,973	8,412	4,724
Beef.....	do.	(3)	5,655	6,307	5,293

(1) Government holdings are included in the tables of total holdings elsewhere in the report and consist of reported stocks held by USDA, the Armed Services, and other Government agencies. In addition to stocks reported above, the Armed Services hold some stocks in space owned and operated by them on which figures are not available.

(2) Based on actual reports. Estimates on late reports are not included. Current figures will be revised next month.

(3) Data not available.

Table 12/.—United States refrigerated net piling space capacity, October 1, 1953 1/

State or geographic region	Type of warehouse							
	Public general		Private & semiprivate general		Meat-packing plants		Apple houses	
	Freezer cu. ft.	Cooler cu. ft.	Freezer cu. ft.	Cooler cu. ft.	Freezer cu. ft.	Cooler cu. ft.	Freezer cu. ft.	Cooler cu. ft.
Maine, N. H. and Vt.....	1,000 1,221	1,000 462	1,000 472	1,000 24	1,000 2/	1,000 2/	1,000 7	1,000 963
Massachusetts.....	7,539	2,845	650	545	2/	2/	14	2,309
Rhode Island & Conn.....	1,106	333	176	70	2/	2/	2	2,367
NEW ENGLAND.....	9,866	3,640	1,298	639	574	84	23	5,639
New York.....	19,477	22,852	1,886	2,993	560	3,452	401	14,558
New Jersey.....	12,138	4,711	505	292	281	103	35	1,984
Pennsylvania.....	8,668	6,267	1,113	1,009	117	864	124	3,641
MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....	40,283	33,830	3,504	4,294	958	4,419	560	20,183
Ohio.....	7,309	4,774	423	222	325	1,853	18	897
Indiana.....	1,831	644	518	403	312	445	-	443
Illinois.....	15,111	15,671	4,876	2,934	1,958	5,122	-	1,539
Michigan.....	5,308	4,096	1,752	1,461	227	847	(57	(2,475
Wisconsin.....	2,012	6,014	522	3,820	1,593	1,788	-	-
EAST NORTH CENTRAL.....	31,571	31,199	8,091	8,840	4,415	10,055	75	5,354
Minnesota.....	5,001	1,085	1,152	97	1,648	1,577	-	-
Iowa.....	3,296	609	755	503	2,630	1,930	-	-
Missouri.....	8,340	5,165	232	305	956	2,234	2/	2/
Dakotas and Nebraska.....	4,148	732	1,533	439	2,652	4,300	-	-
Kansas.....	2,909	7,273	747	227	621	1,785	2/	2/
WEST NORTH CENTRAL.....	23,694	14,864	4,419	1,571	8,507	11,826	5	735
Delaware, Maryland & D. C..	7,132	872	272	119	2/	2/	-	986
Virginia and W. Virginia...	2,858	6,811	940	1,416	-	184	480	14,587
North and South Carolina...	694	482	347	214	2/	2/	9	326
Georgia.....	2,396	3,504	631	207	408	486	-	-
Florida.....	5,081	1,129	9,588	35	-	-	-	-
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....	18,161	12,798	11,778	1,991	457	1,016	489	15,899
Kentucky.....	953	889	2/	2/	2/	2/	-	-
Tennessee.....	3,974	2,081	257	3	274	429	2/	2/
Alabama and Mississippi....	1,008	1,094	2/	2/	2/	2/	-	-
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL.....	5,935	4,064	387	119	329	529	2/	2/
Arkansas.....	488	256	(540	(52	2/	2/	2/	2/
Louisiana.....	1,542	972	100	103	2/	2/	2/	2/
Oklahoma.....	1,120	602	219	714	809	1,790	-	-
Texas.....	9,755	4,102	219	714	1,014	1,486	-	-
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL.....	12,905	5,932	859	869	1,846	3,280	2/	2/
MOUNTAIN.....	4,571	1,556	1,143	238	1,064	764	2/	2/
Washington.....	7,974	2,091	4,348	837	339	1,152	259	52,376
Oregon.....	6,845	2,039	3,234	820	(352	(1,664	-	6,489
California.....	21,756	12,198	3,759	11,936	-	-	831	6,097
PACIFIC.....	36,575	16,328	11,341	13,593	691	2,816	1,090	64,962
UNITED STATES.....	183,561	124,211	42,820	32,154	18,841	34,789	2,252	113,548

1/ Total storage capacity in the United States and the lowest temperature at which it could be held as reported by the latest biennial survey, October 1, 1953.

2/ Not shown to avoid disclosure of individual plant reports.

TABLE 13 -- End-of-month space and occupancy in public general refrigerated warehouses

State or geographic region	Net piling space reported (1) March 1956		Percentage of net piling space occupied							
			March 1951-55 av.		March 1955		February 1956		March 1956	
	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer
	1,000 cu. ft.	1,000 cu. ft.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Maine, N. H. and Vt.	434	1,484	43	61	61	62	29	48	24	45
Massachusetts	2,521	5,918	41	79	43	85	70	82	76	70
R. I. and Connecticut	278	801	42	69	30	65	52	57	31	46
New England	3,233	8,203	42	75	44	79	63	74	65	63
New York	21,846	19,171	51	67	54	65	51	66	47	61
New Jersey	3,710	8,914	64	71	67	60	50	62	44	58
Pennsylvania	4,787	8,717	53	82	60	79	62	78	57	75
Middle Atlantic	30,343	36,803	53	71	57	67	53	68	48	63
Ohio	3,390	6,504	54	80	52	78	60	78	56	74
Indiana	708	2,060	65	82	75	76	78	73	61	77
Illinois	13,534	14,116	64	82	65	85	63	79	61	78
Michigan	3,762	4,007	63	82	54	78	53	65	55	62
Wisconsin	5,030	1,429	66	77	61	72	69	67	70	53
East North Central	26,424	28,116	63	81	61	81	63	76	61	73
Minnesota	1,495	4,842	68	87	71	82	74	70	76	78
Iowa	448	2,482	76	85	87	77	54	74	67	70
Missouri	4,868	7,328	70	79	68	77	68	67	63	72
Dakotas and Nebraska	799	4,031	59	86	86	73	57	78	60	76
Kansas	9,037	5,564	61	72	71	45	74	70	60	73
West North Central	16,647	24,247	66	81	72	70	71	71	62	74
Delaware, Maryland & D.C.	1,285	5,425	63	71	60	65	41	52	44	50
Virginia and West Va.	5,052	3,136	45	54	42	70	37	67	35	67
North and South Carolina	274	354	60	82	50	83	29	77	40	90
Georgia	3,752	2,354	77	89	69	81	93	84	91	88
Florida	1,156	9,468	64	73	62	80	54	42	57	56
South Atlantic	11,519	20,737	58	76	53	74	56	54	57	60
Kentucky	954	1,171	66	79	80	74	68	66	68	68
Tennessee	2,191	3,733	71	79	75	78	77	84	79	80
Alabama and Mississippi	742	840	69	86	77	84	54	69	38	69
East South Central	3,887	5,744	70	81	76	79	71	78	69	76
Arkansas	256	463	53	52	54	56	48	53	41	45
Louisiana	904	1,276	75	82	68	79	54	73	57	71
Oklahoma	587	1,298	63	85	47	77	54	66	63	60
Texas	6,158	6,541	61	56	51	50	67	61	66	59
West South Central	7,905	9,578	63	62	53	57	64	63	64	60
Mountain	1,325	4,762	68	75	63	70	66	74	62	70
Washington	2,052	7,568	47	46	35	36	32	39	30	34
Oregon	902	6,185	47	44	39	36	35	42	28	30
California	12,490	21,901	56	72	53	60	40	64	43	61
Pacific	15,444	35,654	53	61	50	51	39	55	41	50
United States (4)	116,727	173,843	58	73	58	68	58	66	55	64

(1) Space reported to USDA and temperatures at which it was held March 31, 1956.

(2) Preliminary

(3) Insufficient returns received from this State.

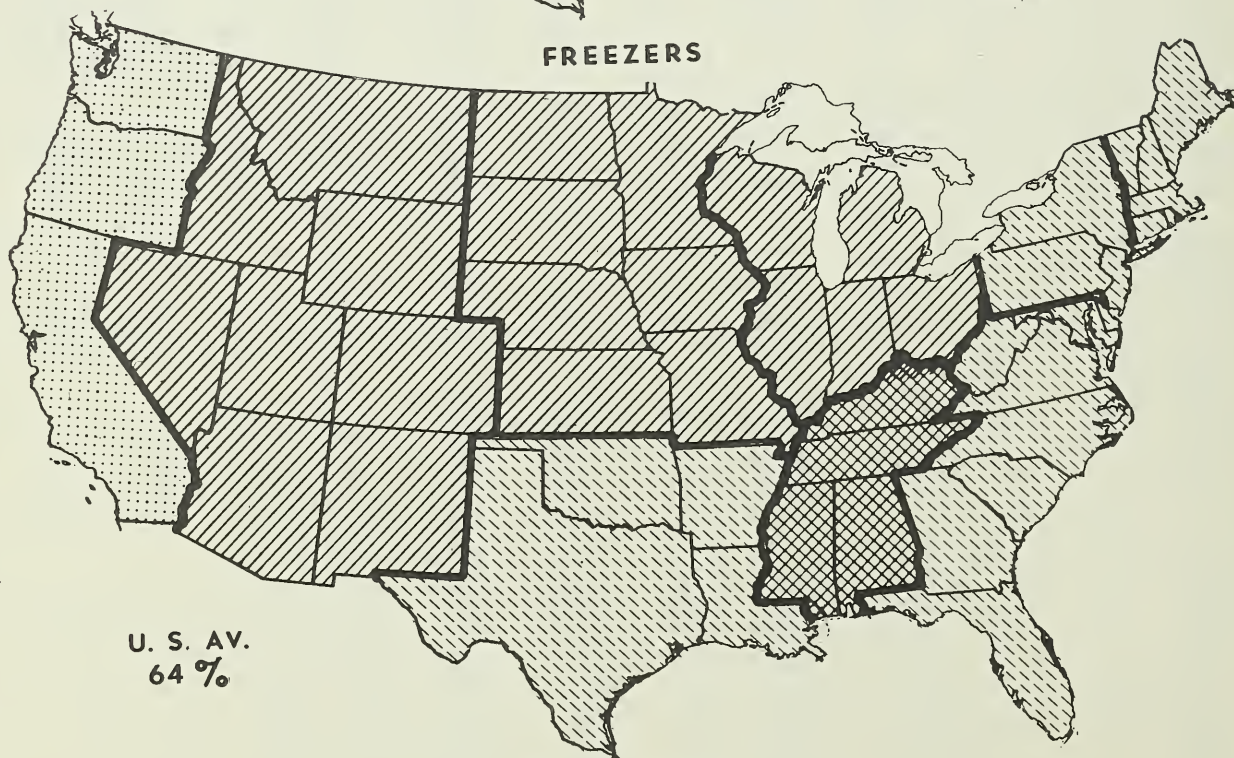
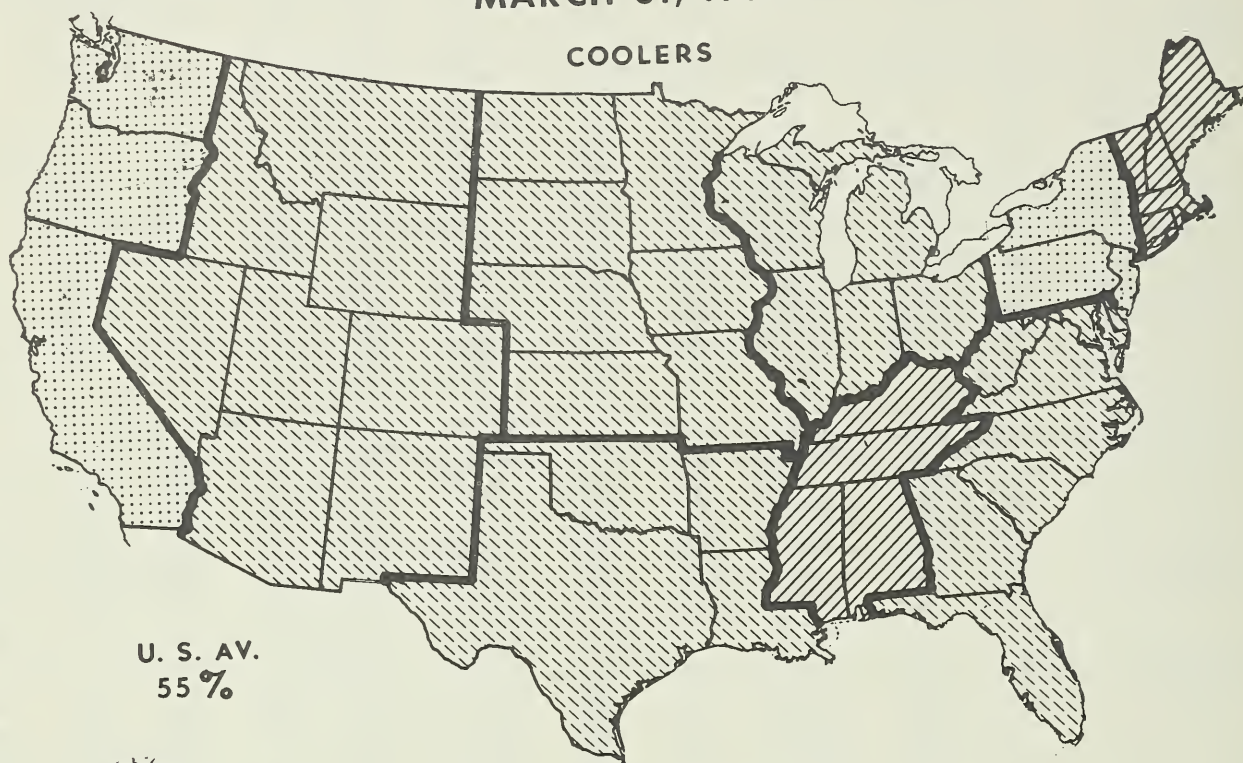
(4) Weighted average of the occupancy for geographic regions based on the corresponding net piling space.

TABLE 14.-- End-of-month space and occupancy in public general warehouses in selected cities

City (1)	Net piling space reported (2)		Percentage of net piling space occupied							
			February 1955		March 1955		February 1956		March 1956	
	Cooler 1,000 cu. ft.	Freezer 1,000 cu. ft.	Cooler Pct.	Freezer Pct.	Cooler Pct.	Freezer Pct.	Cooler Pct.	Freezer Pct.	Cooler Pct.	Freezer Pct.
New England:										
Boston	1,715	4,089	38	93	41	89	81	82	91	66
Middle Atlantic:										
New York	5,707	9,364	74	74	76	74	79	71	81	67
Jersey City.	3,359	5,365	61	86	69	67	50	61	44	59
Buffalo.	565	1,893	65	69	82	69	99	65	99	59
Rochester.	6,707	2,355	81	76	39	47	32	54	26	45
Philadelphia	1,728	5,654	47	57	72	76	79	75	78	74
Pittsburgh	1,488	2,108	72	78	54	85	63	79	57	77
E. N. Central:										
Cleveland.	2,077	2,631	66	89	51	78	67	73	58	70
Cincinnati	(3)	(3)	45	81	49	76	44	83	(3)	(3)
Chicago.	10,535	13,285	61	89	61	84	62	79	61	77
Detroit.	3,188	3,598	69	83	63	81	53	66	57	63
Milwaukee.	565	694	51	76	58	76	69	82	69	74
W. N. Central:										
Minneapolis.	921	2,514	82	92	75	78	81	82	84	85
St. Louis.	1,991	3,508	69	88	68	88	72	77	70	79
Kansas City	1,621	5,325	49	49	49	47	62	76	61	76
South Atlantic:										
Baltimore & D. C.	1,208	5,121	58	75	60	67	40	51	44	50
Richmond	940	721	54	71	54	68	58	54	62	61
Norfolk	987	1,023	81	66	82	65	82	81	83	86
E. S. Central:										
Nashville.	(3)	(3)	82	84	82	80	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)
Memphis.	444	1,600	72	71	75	75	63	84	62	77
W. S. Central:										
New Orleans.	775	1,037	71	79	65	74	51	69	53	68
Dallas	3,493	3,536	50	45	50	45	67	59	68	55
Ft. Worth.	980	1,124	55	53	56	46	62	59	69	62
Pacific:										
Seattle.	1,094	1,889	51	58	50	49	41	57	42	47
Tacoma	353	1,984	14	32	12	29	9	36	9	32
Portland	363	3,662	52	48	60	36	46	42	54	33
Los Angeles.	2,932	6,999	69	66	67	69	59	75	56	75
San Francisco.	2,451	3,667	66	73	72	70	45	66	42	68
San Jose	2,203	3,597	14	36	25	46	24	49	21	45
Modesto	966	2,340	67	70	63	60	57	59	52	59

- (1) Space shown includes public warehouses within a 25-mile radius of city named.
 (2) Space reported to USDA and temperatures at which it was held March 31, 1956.
 (3) Insufficient returns received from this city.

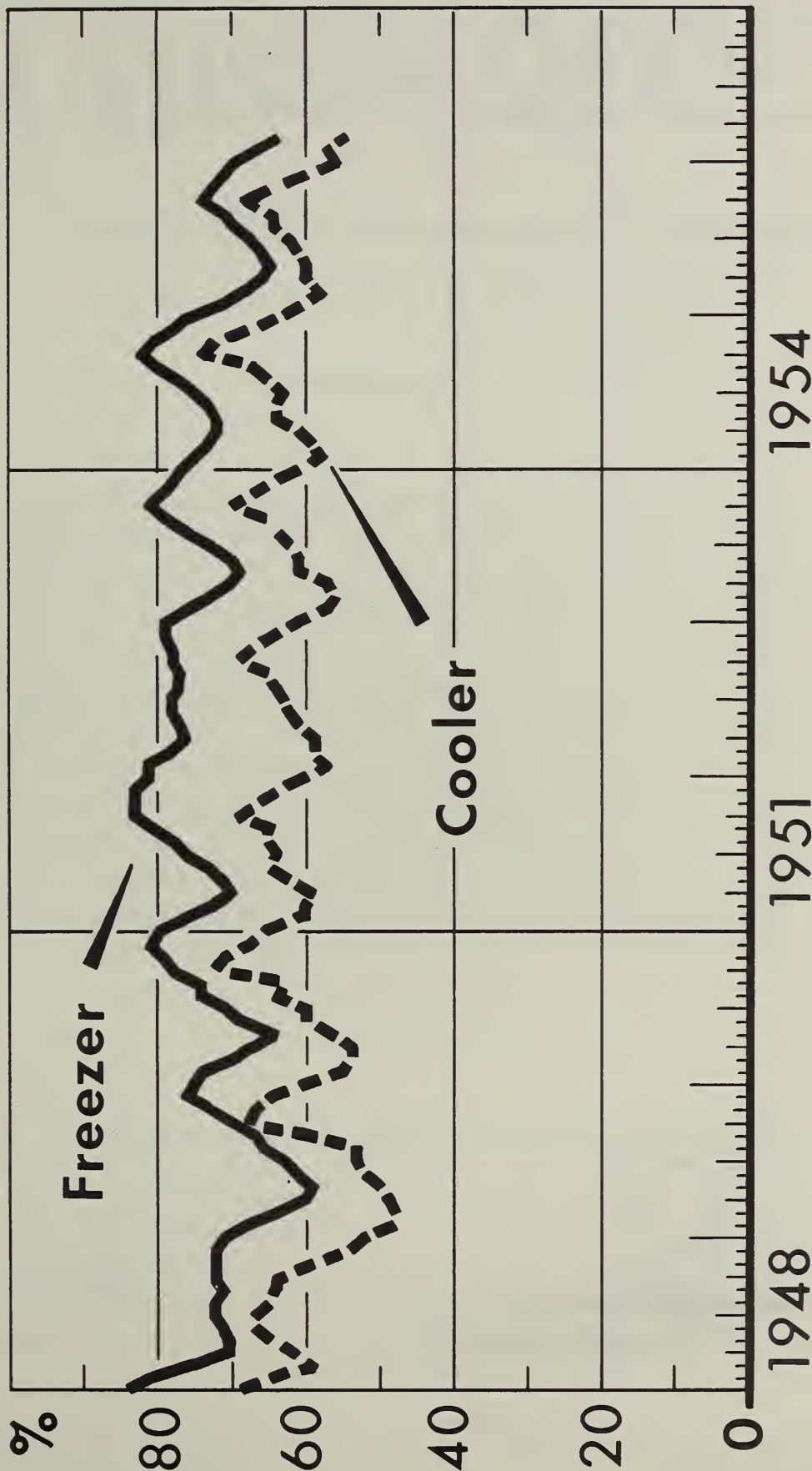
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(APPLE HOUSES EXCLUDED)
PERCENTAGE OF SPACE OCCUPIED
MARCH 31, 1956



% OCCUPANCY

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